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- In July Chinese Communist shipping lanes between Wenchow, Haimen, Shihp'u (121-56, 29-15), and northward were extremely crowded. Gunboats were escorting merchant ships in definite patterns as follows:
  - A convoy of merchant ships would leave Haimen for Shihp'u with a warship escort, sometimes composed of as many as five warships. This escort would join southbound ships at Shihp'u and guard them as they proceeded south from Shihp u.
  - Merchant ships northbound from Shihp'u would be escorted by warships to the Choushan Islands. The escort would join southbound ships in the Choushan area and guard them to Shihp u.
- The number of vessels carrying lumber cargoes northward from Wenchow and Haimen between 20 and 28 June were as follows:
  - On 20 June, two vessels, with an aggregate tonnage of 300 tons.
  - On 25 June, four vessels, with an aggregate tonnage of 1800 tons, and one motorized junk.
  - On 28 June, three vessels, with an aggregate tommage of 800 tons, and one motorized junk.

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